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for a given process are transferred on the control path, and packets of data information are transferred on the data path. Communications are sychronized so that the client and target systems send and receive

communications packets on the same one of the two paths.